PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 211 because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 211 would stifle competition and hamstring local workforce development boards in contracting for child care management services. This Bill protects the status quo at the expense of local choice and competition. We want to maximize access to quality child care in Texas and system management changes should be encouraged rather than restricted. The best intent of this Bill, to maximize federal matching money for child care services, can be achieved through administrative action by the commissioners for the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which I will request.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1997.

George W Bush Governor of Texas